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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1541 - CATHODE RAY
TUBES

REF: COCOM DOC REV (74) 1541/1

SUMMARY: DISCUSSION OF CATHODE RAY TUBES ON APRIL 3
CENTERED ON A UK PROPOSAL TO REPLACE AN EMBARGO PARA-
METER FOR TUBES WHICH HAS BEEN CRITICIZED FOR MANY YEARS
AS CUMBERSOME AND IMPRECISE. THE US, WHICH WAS WITHOUT
INSTRUCTIONS, RESERVED SYMPATHETICALLY ON THE UK SUB-
STITUTE (B) WHICH WOULD DEFINE TUBES BY REFERENCE TO
THEIR STRUCTURE. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT PRIORITY ATTEN-
TION BE GIVEN TO RESOLVING INTERAGENCY DIFFERENCES CON-
CERNING OSCILLOSCOPE (1584) EMBARGO TO WHICH THIS ITEM
IS RELATED.

THAT AUTHORIZATION BE GRANTED TO ACCEPT THE
UK PROPOSAL ON (B), AND THAT A REPLY BE CLEARED TO A
NETHERLANDS QUESTION RAISED IN ROUND II.

1. THE US EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PRESENT DEFINI-
TION OF RESOLVING POWER (A) ADEQUATELY PERMITS EXPORT OF
TUBES FOR CIVIL USES WHILE CONTROLLING THOSE FOR MILI-
TARY. UK HAD NO BROCHURES AT HAND TO ILLUSTRATE THE
STATEMENTS IN ITS JUSTIFICATION FOR DELETION AND WITH-
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DREW ITS PROPOSAL.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL REVEALED THEIR UNCERTAINTY WHETHER "SECTIONED Y PLATES" ARE CAUGHT BY THE TERM "DISTRIBUTED DEFLECTION STRUCTURE". THE UK ASSURED THE NETHERLANDS THAT "SECTIONED Y PLATES" WHICH REPRESENT A SIMPLE AND VERY OLD TECHNOLOGY WOULD NOT FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF "DISTRIBUTED DEFLECTION STRUCTURES". THE US WAS UNABLE TO STATE THAT THESE SECTIONED Y PLATE STRUCTURES WOULD BE FREE UNDER THE UK DEFINITION BUT WOULD ANSWER THIS QUESTION BETWEEN ROUNDS. ALL DELS EXCEPT THAT OF THE US, WHICH RESERVED, APPROVED THE UK PROPOSAL (B).

3. AFTER THE US AND UK HAD RESERVED, THE NETHERLANDS LEFT ITS PROPOSAL TO REDEFINE (B) ON THE TABLE PENDING ACCEPTANCE OF THE UK PROPOSAL AND RECEIPT OF THE US ANSWER TO ITS QUESTION POSED IN 2 ABOVE.

4. JAPAN WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL ON (B) AND EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL, BUT ACCEPTED THE UK PROPOSAL AD REF. JAPAN STATED THAT IT HAD TAKEN NOTE OF US ROUND I STATEMENTS AND WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL TO RGLTE ALPHA-NUMERIC TUBES IN SUBITEM C.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO RESOLUTION OF THE INTERAGENCY DISPUTE OVER 1584 SO THAT THIS ITEM MAY BE PROMPTLY RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THE UK PROPOSAL ON (B). A TECHNOLOGICALLY VALID RESPONSE TO THE NETHERLANDS QUESTION SHOULD BE CLEARED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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